

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday July 22, 2014 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (182 new fires)
New large fires:	4(*)
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires: **	26
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	6
Type 2 IMTs committed:	13

** Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

Two MAFFS C-130 air tankers and support personnel from the 153rd Airlift Wing (Wyoming Air National Guard) have been deployed to Boise, ID to support wildland fire suppression operations in the western U.S.

Northwest Area (PL 5)

New fires:	19
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	20
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	13

Carlton Complex, Northeast Region, DNR. IMT 1 (Opliger), IMT 2 (Rabe), IMT 2 (Allbee) and NIMO (Hahnenberg). Seven miles south of Twisp, WA. Timber, light logging slash and brush. Moderate fire behavior with short runs and spotting. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, area and road closures in effect.

Chiwaukum Complex, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 1 (Lewis). IMT is also managing the Mills Canyon fire. Nine miles northwest of Leavenworth, WA. Timber, heavy logging slash and brush. Moderate fire behavior with group torching. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, area and road closures in effect.

Mills Canyon, Southeast Region, Washington DNR. Two miles southwest of Entiat, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Area closure in effect.

Sunflower, Umatilla NF. IMT 2 (Wilde). Ten miles north of Monument, OR. Timber and grass. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

Pine Creek, Prineville District, BLM. IMT 2 (Fry). IMT is also managing the Donnybrook and Black Rock fires. Eleven miles south of Fossil, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Residences threatened.

Donnybrook, Prineville District, BLM. Ten miles southeast of Antelope, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. Short uphill runs and isolated torching. Structures threatened.

Black Rock, Prineville District, BLM. Started on private land ten miles east of Antelope, OR. Juniper and grass. Short uphill runs and isolated torching. Residences threatened.

Ochoco Complex (3 fires), Ochoco NF. IMT 2 (Dunford). Twenty-eight miles east of Prineville, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

Logging Unit Complex (5 fires), Warm Springs Agency, BIA. IMT 1 (Schulte). Twenty-five miles northwest of Warm Springs, OR. Timber, medium logging slash and brush. Creeping with isolated torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

Waterman Complex, John Day Unit, Oregon DOF. IMT 2 (D. Johnson). Twenty miles northeast of Mitchell, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with short crown runs and spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

Bridge 99 Complex, Deschutes NF. IMT 2 (Fillis). Twenty miles north of Sisters, OR. Mixed conifer, brush and grass. Surface fire with group torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

Shaniko Butte, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Williams). Fifteen miles north of Warm Springs, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened.

Watermelon Hill, Spokane District, BLM. IMT 2 (Leitch). Started on private land seven miles southwest of Cheney, WA. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Buzzard Complex, Burns District, BLM. IMT 1 (Poncin) and IMT 2 (Watts). Thirteen miles northwest of Riverside, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area. Structures threatened.

Pittsburg, Wallowa-Whitman NF. IMT 2 (B. Johnson). Twenty-one miles southwest of Grangeville, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Area closure in effect.

Bingham Complex (2 fires), Willamette NF. IMT 2 (Nickey). Five miles east of Marion Forks, OR. Timber. Smoldering. Structures threatened.

Center, Prineville District, BLM. Started on private land three miles northeast of Post, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. No new information.

Lone Mountain 1, North Cascades NP. IMT 2 (Hutton). Three miles northeast of Stehekin, WA. Timber and brush. No further information received.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Carlton Complex	WA	NES	243,291	5,401	16	UNK	2,110	488	45	134	18	154	9.6M	ST
Chiwaukum Complex	WA	OWF	11,783	339	N/A	N/A	979	59	24	105	8	0	4.9M	FS

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Mills Canyon	WA	SES	22,571	0	85	UNK	124	-127	5	2	0	3	9M	ST
Sunflower	OR	UMF	6,736	836	50	7/26	662	137	20	30	2	0	3.2M	FS
Pine Creek	OR	PRD	30,245	0	65	UNK	536	-143	14	26	3	0	2.9M	BLM
Donnybrook	OR	PRD	22,763	7	70	UNK	323	115	12	16	0	0	250K	BLM
Black Rock	OR	PRD	35,731	1,554	85	UNK	73	2	2	6	1	0	103K	PRI
Ochoco Complex	OR	OCF	6,333	3,737	22	7/27	285	94	8	13	1	0	488K	FS
Logging Unit Complex	OR	WSA	10,302	802	5	UNK	735	232	24	3	4	0	1.9M	BIA
Waterman Complex	OR	952S	11,989	655	75	7/27	903	45	24	39	7	0	4.7M	ST
Bridge 99 Complex	OR	DEF	5,915	605	N/A	N/A	765	34	20	29	5	0	3.8M	FS
Shaniko Butte	OR	WSA	42,500	500	75	UNK	506	-116	11	26	3	2	2.8M	BIA
Watermelon Hill	WA	SPD	10,518	-482	NR	7/24	257	53	8	13	0	0	325K	PRI
Buzzard Complex	OR	BUD	395,747	0	85	UNK	960	-474	20	87	5	4	8.3M	BLM
Pittsburg	OR	WWF	8,000	0	85	7/25	253	-82	5	3	3	0	2.4M	FS
Bingham Complex	OR	WIF	452	0	N/A	N/A	367	-44	8	1	6	0	3M	FS
Center	OR	PRD	2,800	---	29	UNK	34	---	1	3	0	0	55K	PRI
Lone Mountain 1	WA	NCP	1,700	500	N/A	N/A	74	41	3	0	1	0	546K	NPS
Saddle Mountain	WA	SPD	21,000	-4,000	100	---	0	-73	0	0	0	5	55K	BLM

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 42
New large fires: 2
Uncontained large fires: 5
Type 1 IMTs committed 1

Whiskey Complex (3 fires), Boise NF. IMT 1 (Harvey). Three miles south of Garden Valley, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Surface fire with single tree torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

* **Sheep**, Salt Lake Field Office, BLM. Eleven miles south of Terra, UT. Brush. Running and spotting. Road closures in effect.

* **Tunnel Hollow**, Northwest Area, Utah DFF. Five miles east of Morgan, UT. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Whiskey Complex	ID	BOF	9,640	18	50	7/28	1,129	37	34	41	11	1	6M	FS
* Sheep	UT	SLD	1,500	---	0	UNK	105	---	3	4	3	0	500K	BLM

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* Tunnel Hollow	UT	NWS	1,000	---	NR	UNK	36	---	0	2	2	0	150K	ST

Northern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 70
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

Bully, Shasta-Trinity Unit, Cal Fire. Transfer of command from Cal Fire IMT 1 (Estes) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Twenty-one miles southwest of Redding, CA. Mixed conifer, brush and grass. Backing and creeping.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Bully	CA	SHU	12,661	0	86	7/23	1,528	-142	51	60	3	20	20.2M	ST

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 8
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 0

* **Sycamore**, Apache-Sitgreaves NF. Twenty-three miles south of Alpine, AZ. Timber and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Sitgreaves, Kaibab NF. Previously reported incident. Includes previously reported Duck fire. Five miles northwest of Parks, AZ. Timber. Backing fire. Last report unless significant activity occurs

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Sycamore	AZ	ASF	800	---	N/A	N/A	10	---	0	0	1	0	18K	FS
Sitgreaves	AZ	KNF	1,378	---	N/A	N/A	87	---	4	3	1	0	215K	FS

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 5
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Bad Luck Prairie	FL	FLS	300	---	100	---	4	---	0	0	1	0	NR	ST

Other Fires

(As of July 18)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	0	0	0	0	0	0
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	0	0	0	0	0	0
EB	0	0	0	0	0	0
WB	1	205	0	0	0	10
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	1	528	0	1	0	4
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	1	958	0	0	0	2
Total	3	1,691	0	1	0	16

Predictive Services Discussion: The northwest U.S. will see shower and thunderstorm activity intensify today as a trough of low pressure taps into moist flow aloft. In contrast, the southwest quarter of the U.S. and California will see warming and drying as a ridge of high pressure amplifies over the Four Corners region. A cold front stretching from the High Plains to the Great Lakes region will bring showers and thunderstorms, while storms will also develop from the Gulf Coast through the southeast U.S. and Mid-Atlantic Coast.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



This Day in History is a brief summary of a powerful learning opportunity and is not intended to second guess or be judgmental of decisions and actions. Put yourself in the following situation as if you do not know what the outcome will be. What are the conditions? What are you thinking? What are YOU doing?

Cramer Fire - Idaho – July 22nd 2003

“May the lessons of the Cramer Fire not be lost on an Idaho ridge”

Incident Summary: Central Idaho including the Salmon-Challis Nat'l Forest had been in a period of drought for the last 4 years. Spring and summer rainfall had lagged. 1630 July 20th a fire is reported in the area of Cramer Creek. Jumpers are dispatched and size up the Cramer Fire at 3 acres with high spread potential. High winds keep them from engaging the fire. Firefighters are flown in to a helispot (H1) on a ridge between Cramer and Cache Bar drainages, and due to fire behavior, do not engage the fire. The fire burns actively until 0230. By morning the fire is over 35 acres.

In addition to other air and ground resources, the Indianola helicopter H193 and Helitack crew report to the fire at 1515 on the 21st. By 1952 the fire is 200 acres. At 2000 fire intensity is reported to be low yet due to a thermal belt, the fire burns actively until 0300. Around 0930 the morning of the 22nd, H193 rappels two Helitack into a new helispot (H2) up the ridge from H1. Air attack reports fire perimeter is now over the ridge and in the Cache Bar drainage. The fire is now on both sides of the ridge that the helispots are on. Fire is active below H1. The Helitack are falling large trees on H2 to clear room for medium helicopters that had been ordered for a crew shuttle. H193 transitions to bucket work on H1 at 1127 and minutes later the firefighters on H1 pull back and retreat down the trail toward the river. 20 minutes later H1 is burned over. Fire activity is reported as “intense”.

By **1430** the fire in the Cache Bar drainage is an active fire front. At **1447** plans were made to remove the Helitack from H2. At **1500** the fire on both sides of the ridge begins to spread rapidly...Both helicopters assigned to the fire are at the helibase 15 minutes away for refueling and maintenance when the Helitack call for an immediate pickup. At **1505** they call again for immediate pickup. At **1509** they call for immediate pickup and report that they are fine just taking a lot of smoke. At **1513** the Helitack report fire and smoke below them and request immediate pickup. At **1519** Helitack contact helibase regarding status of helicopter. Arriving at the fire, the helicopter is unable to land due to smoke. Both rappellers leave H2 at **1520**. At **1524** the Cache Bar drainage is fully involved in fire. The rappellers make final call for immediate pickup... Both firefighters die soon after.

History - The Salmon River Breaks area of the Salmon-Challis Nat'l Forest has a long history of entrapping firefighters; 161 to date. Steep slopes predispose areas to rollout and rapid, uphill fire growth commonly leading to extreme fire behavior and difficult suppression.

- *How can information about an area's fire history help your situational awareness?*

Size up – Crews are informed at the July 22 morning briefing that conditions will be getting progressively warmer and drier than previous days. Temperatures surpass 100°F and set record highs. RH's are 10-15%. Fuels in the Cache Bar drainage are short grass on the south aspects and nearly continuous fields of ceanothus on the north. Live fuel moistures are critically low and the Burn Index (BI) and Energy Release Component (ERC) indicate dangerous conditions.

- *Based on the predicted weather and the fire information above, what are your concerns?*
- *How could you and your crew safely engage a fire in a similar situation?*

L – The investigation report states that there were no effective lookouts for the rappellers at H2.

- *It is not uncommon to assign small squads to isolated tasks such as cutting helispots. The rappellers on H2 were clearing large trees to make a larger helispot. How would you and your crew maintain situational awareness of the fire and the felling operation at the same time?*

C – The rappellers were made aware of the low intensity fire in the Cache Bar drainage as soon as they were dropped off but the development of an active fire front in the Cache Bar drainage was observed by the lead plane and air attack 50 minutes before the fire reached H2. It was never communicated to them.

- *What will you and your crew do during any fire assignment to get accurate information about current fire behavior?*

E and S – There were no effective safety zones for the rappellers at H2 and once H1 below them burned over, the only way out was a helicopter.

- *Helicopters have become a common resource on fires transporting us to and from remote fireline, delivering our food, water, supplies, and medevac. But what would you do if the helicopter couldn't come? Discuss why depending on helicopters as an escape route is a bad idea?*

Incident Complexities - On any incident, we may or may not be aware of problems with incident management effectiveness, adequacy of resources, or other big-picture details.

- *Discuss how you and your crew will maintain safety without knowing these things.*

[Cramer Fire Accident Investigation](#) [Cramer Fire Case Study video](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest	FIRES	0	9	0	2	0	8	19
	ACRES	0	251	0	400	655	837	2,143
Northern California	FIRES	2	8	0	1	26	33	70
	ACRES	1	1	0	0	23	21	46
Southern California	FIRES	1	0	0	0	0	5	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	4	1	0	0	5	0	10
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	18	0	19
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	8	0	0	18	15	42
	ACRES	0	209	0	0	210	56	475
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	3	0	0	1	5	9
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	0	766	767
Southwest	FIRES	1	2	0	0	2	3	8
	ACRES	0	1	0	4	0	1,462	1,467
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	3	0	0	4	2	9
	ACRES	0	33	0	0	33	2	68
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
TOTAL	FIRES	9	34	0	3	62	74	182
	ACRES	2	496	0	404	943	3,145	4,990

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	33	0	0	269	16	318
	ACRES	0	26,022	0	0	201,230	5	227,257
Northwest	FIRES	161	110	40	15	486	424	1,236
	ACRES	4,166	146,906	140	1,601	313,573	25,077	491,463
Northern California	FIRES	60	21	4	4	1,860	394	2,343
	ACRES	43	15,044	23	30	29,936	3,243	48,319
Southern California	FIRES	29	50	10	27	1,774	315	2,205
	ACRES	231	1,547	511	29	18,805	8,369	29,492
Northern Rockies	FIRES	443	28	4	3	334	153	965
	ACRES	3,082	1,261	227	3	3,976	240	8,789
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	29	256	0	16	377	201	879
	ACRES	1,071	51,870	0	124	5,642	9,001	67,708
Western Great Basin	FIRES	6	177	1	15	40	61	300
	ACRES	18	28,914	0	7	73	2,428	31,440
Southwest	FIRES	409	130	11	33	535	550	1,668
	ACRES	112,733	1,362	577	6,172	14,431	50,712	185,987
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	366	210	21	12	479	145	1,233
	ACRES	2,129	1,051	1,188	2,137	34,108	513	41,126
Eastern Area	FIRES	408	0	44	22	4,581	293	5,348
	ACRES	602	0	1,488	186	33,326	4,882	40,484
Southern Area	FIRES	378	0	78	26	13,397	465	14,344
	ACRES	110,704	0	4,150	282	240,371	34,671	390,178
TOTAL	FIRES	2,289	1,015	213	173	24,132	3,017	30,839
	ACRES	234,779	273,977	8,304	10,571	895,471	139,141	1,562,243

Ten Year Average Fires	44,663
Ten Year Average Acres	3,772,922

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	8	8

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
	ACRES	0	59,591	0	0	0	0	59,591
Northwest	FIRES	7	46	6	3	1	162	225
	ACRES	1,166	11,255	2,937	37	1	20,825	36,221
Northern California	FIRES	2	3	16	9	0	127	157
	ACRES	56	135	7,322	60	0	5,950	13,523
Southern California	FIRES	2	5	3	6	0	71	87
	ACRES	9	277	191	454	0	2,082	3,013
Northern Rockies	FIRES	10	20	43	4	11	114	202
	ACRES	792	8,090	9,365	3,253	241	16,120	37,861
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	14	5	7	30	62	121
	ACRES	355	4,062	2,184	56	1,006	19,278	26,941
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	3	1	0	7	3	14
	ACRES	0	716	300	0	147	216	1,379
Southwest	FIRES	3	16	7	0	1	48	75
	ACRES	1,600	16,408	1,959	0	75	19,588	39,630
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	21	35	92	18	66	73	305
	ACRES	1,802	2,731	19,531	4,833	2,339	10,256	41,492
Eastern Area	FIRES	53	0	304	42	1,167	165	1,731
	ACRES	58,417	0	45,999	5,541	70,782	63,769	244,508
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	179	26	7,455	863	8,611
	ACRES	17,721	0	66,710	24,863	338,647	887,280	1,335,221
TOTAL	FIRES	189	149	656	115	8,738	1,688	11,535
	ACRES	81,918	103,265	156,498	39,097	413,238	1,045,364	1,839,380

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Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	7	69,184	643	166,240
Yukon Territory	0	11	27	760
Alberta	0	0	869	16,367
Northwest Territory	7	20,797	236	893,184
Saskatchewan	0	13,543	235	167,811
Manitoba	0	0	105	1,415
Ontario	0	0	160	4,287
Quebec	2	1	174	36,786
Newfoundland	3	4	61	1,938
New Brunswick	0	0	146	100
Nova Scotia	0	0	140	502
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	43	95,689
Total	19	103,539	2,839	1,385,079

This report contains information derived from the National Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) system and other sources to provide relative information about emerging and ongoing incident activity. This information is considered operational in nature, is subject to change, and therefore may not match official year-to-date agency records.

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